

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled, “Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2016”; and

An original bill entitled, “Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016”.

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Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,659 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

WATER AND POWER LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 593, to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets, S. 982, to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, and to require the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to develop water planning instruments consistent with State law, S. 1305, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir, S. 1365, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, S. 1291, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska, S. 1552, to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System in the State of Montana, and S. 1533, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new

surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, after receiving testimony from Dionne Thompson, Deputy Commissioner for External and Intergovernmental Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Charles V. Stern, Specialist in Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Jerry Meissner, Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority, Circle, Montana; Adam P. Schempp, Environmental Law Institute, and Ryan R. Yates, American Farm Bureau Federation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Anthony Willardson, Western States Water Council, Murray, Utah.

FUTURE OF HIGHWAY FUNDING

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges to the future of highway funding, after receiving testimony from Joseph Kile, Assistant Director for Microeconomic Studies, Congressional Budget Office; and former Representative Ray LaHood, Building America's Future, and Stephen Moore, The Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.

RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's management of the renewable fuel standard program, after receiving testimony from Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence committee.

Committee recessed subject to the call.